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SUBJECT: SAFETY FACTOR IN SHIP BUNKERING

REF: A) STATE 065109; B) MANILA 13695; C) MANILA 2149

1. SINCE GOP ACTION ON FEB 27, RAISING PRICES OF BUNKER OIL AND DIESEL OIL TO \$122 PER TON AND \$198 PER TON, RESPECTIVELY, BUNKERING PROBLEM IN PHILIPPINES HAS BECOME LARGELY ACADEMIC. U.S. FLAG SHIPPING LINES HAVE SOUGHT TO AVOID BUNKERING HERE AND IN SOME CASES HAVE DIVERTED SHIPS TO OTHER PORTS FOR BUNKERING.

2. BECAUSE OF HIGH PRICE OF BUNKERS AND WITH SUPPLY SITUATION IN PHILIPPINES EASING SOMEWHAT, EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT BUNKERING TO BE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. WE EXPECT THAT AS IN PAST U.S. FLAG VESSELS WILL BUNKER ELSEWHERE AND PICK UP HERE ONLY OCCASIONALLY WHEN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

3. PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE FUEL TO MEET 15 PERCENT SAFETY FACTOR IN GENEVIEVE LYKES CASE (REF C) APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. SINCE GENEVIEVE LYKES CASE, AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING

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BUNKERS TO EXTENT PERMITTED BY CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM

ORDER 94-73 INCLUDING SAFETY FACTOR (REF B).

4. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN MAKE
APPROACH TO GOP ON BUNKERING ISSUE. WE WILL OF COURSE
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SITUATION CLOSELY AND LEND WHATEVER
ASSISTANCE MAY BE REQUIRED BY U.S. FLAG VESSELS.
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